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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: US STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT DELIVERED IN UNGA
MAY 1:

QUOTE

AS THIS ASSEMBLY DRAWS TO A CLOSE, IT IS TIME TO TAKE STOCK.
MUCH GOOD HAS BEEN DONE. THE WORLD COMMUNITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS
LEADING STATEMEN, HAS DEVOTED SEVERAL WEEKS OF INTENSIVE
ATTENTION TO THE CRITICAL SITUATION WHICH HAS ARISEN IN THE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ARENA. WE BELIEVE THIS WAS RIGHT, PROPER,
AND USEFUL.

MANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE ON HOW TO COPE WITH THE
RANGE OF PROBLEMS IN THIS FIELD. WE ARE, I MUST CONFESS,
DISAPPOINTED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO EMERGE FROM OUR
DELIVERATIONS WITH UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON HOW THESE PROBLEMS
CAN BEST BE SOLVED.

OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE NEGOTIATED OUT OUR DIFFERENCES ON
COMPLICATED ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS IN VARIOUS OTHER
APPROPRIATE FORA. WE SERIOUSLY QUESTION WHAT VALUE THERE IS IN
ADOPTING STATEMENTS ON DIFFICULT AND CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS
THAT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF ONLY ONE FACTION.

SOME HAVE REFERRED TO THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH THESE DOCUMENTS
HAVE BEEN FORMULATED AS THAT OF "CONSENSUS". MY DELEGATION
BELIEVES THE WORD "CONSENSUS" CANNOT BE APPLIED IN THIS CASE.
THE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE PRINTED AS THE WRITTEN PRODUCT OF THIS
SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT, IN FACT, WHATEVER IT IS CALLED,
REPRESENT A CONSENSUS IN THE ACCEPTED MEANING OF THAT TERM.

MY DELEGATION, MR. PRESIDENT, DID NOT CHOOSE TO VOICE OBJECTION
TO THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO US THIS EVENING EVEN THOUGH AT THE
LAST MOMENT IT WAS PRESENTED WITHOUT MENTION OF THE WORD CONSENSUS.
THE INTENT, HOWEVER, WAS CLEAR. THIS WAS INTENDED AS A CONSENSUS
PROCEDURE. BUT OUR OBJECTING AT THE LAST SECOND WOULD ONLY HAVE
SERVED TO EXACERBATE THE DIVISIONS THAT WE HAVE WORKED TO THE
BEST OF OUR ABILITY TO BRIDGE DURING THE PAST WEEKS.

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THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION CONTAINS ELEMENTS WHICH MANY MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS, LARGE AND SMALL, AND ON EVERY CONTINENT, DO
NOT ENDORSE. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, LIKE MANY OTHERS,
STRONGLY DISAPPROVES OF SOME PROVISIONS IN THE DOCUMENT AND HAS
IN NO SENSE ENDORSED THEM. THE DOCUMENT WE HAVE PRODUCED IS A
SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DOCUMENT, BUT IT DOES NOT REPRESENT
UNANIMITY OF OPINION IN THIS ASSEMBLY. TO LABEL SOME OF THESE
HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL CONCLUSIONS AS AGREED IS NOT ONLY IDLE, IT

IS SELF-DECEIVING. IN THIS HOUSE, THE STREAMROLLER IS NOT
THE VEHICLE FOR SOLVING VITAL, COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

THE MAJOR CONCERN OF MY OWN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TO ASSURE SOME
IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE RELIEF TO THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY RECENT CHANGES IN THE
WORLD ECONOMY. WHILE A PROGRAM OF ACTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED, WE ARE,
FRANKLY, NOT CONVINCED THAT IT WILL RESPOND TO THESE IMMEDIATE
NEEDS. I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT JUST
YESTERDAY MY OWN DELEGATION ADVANCED A NUMBER OF IDEAS WHICH
WERE ADDRESSED PRIMARILY TO THIS AREA OF MOST CRITICAL NEED. WE
REGRET THAT THE SHORTAGE OF TIME MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN
AGREEMENT. I WISH TO ASSURE THE ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, THAT MY OWN
GOVERNMENT IS EXAMINING CAREFULLY WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES IT CAN
TAKE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED
MOST.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEED FOR
A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH FACE THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON A WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING
COMMODITY PRICES, AID, TRADE, ENERGY, FOOD AND MONETARY STABILITY.
WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES ON A
COOPERATIVE BASIS AND THROUGH TRUE CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRON-
TATION.

THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HAS ACKNOWLEDGED MANKIND'S COMMON DESTINY. OUR NATIONS MET IN A
GLOBAL FORUM TO COME TO GRIPS WITH WHAT ONCE WAS CONSIDERED
NATIONAL PROBLEMS: INFLATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH, FEEDING THE
HUNGRY, AND UPLIFTING THE IMPOVERISHED.

THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN TO ACCEPT OUR MUTUAL DEPENDENCE, AND
TO AGREE ON AN AGENDA FOR COMMON ACTION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
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OF LIFE ACROSS THE GLOBE. SUCCESS CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY ONE
NATION, OR BY ONE GROUP OF NATIONS SEEKING TO IMPOSE ITS WILL.
NOR WILL IT RESULT FROM ONE SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

TOO OFTEN IN THE PAST THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE FORUM FOR
UNREALISTIC PROMISES, AND UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS. THE IDEAL HAS
BEEN SUBSTITUTED TOO OFTEN FOR THE ATTAINABLE, AND THE RESULTS
HAVE OFTEN BEEN NO MORE THAN INCREASED FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINT-
MENT. HISTORICALLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT MADE COMMITMENTS
THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO FULFILL. THUS, AS SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER RECENTLY TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN, THE UNITED STATES WILL PROMISE ONLY WHAT IT CAN
DELIVER. AND WE WILL MAKE WHAT WE
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WE HAVE SET FORTH OUR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND COMMITMENTS TO
HELP ASSURE AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF ENERGY AT AN EQUITABLE PRICE,
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TO ACHIEVE A MORE STABLE BALANCE BETWEEN RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY AND
DEMAND, TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN FOOD AND POPULATION GROWTH, TO
BUILD A TRADE, MONETARY AND INVESTMENT SYSTEM THAN ENCOURAGES

ECONOMIC GROWTH RATHER THAN ECONOMIC WARFARE, AND TO BRING THE BEST MINDS OF ALL NATIONS TO APPLY SCIENCE TO MEET THE PROBLEMS THAT SCIENCE HAS HELPED CREATE.

IT IS EASY TO AGREE TO YET ANOTHER SET OF PRINCIPLES, TO ANOTHER PROGRAM OF ACTION, TO MORE STEPS THAT OTHER NATIONS SHOULD TAKE. BUT EACH NATION MUST ASK ITSELF WHAT CAN IT DO, WHAT CONTRIBUTION CAN IT MAKE. THE NEEDS OF THE POOR WILL NOT BE MET BY EMPTY PROMISES; THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING GLOBAL ECONOMY WILL NOT BE MET BY NEW RESTRICTIONS ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND; THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL NATIONS CANNOT BE MANAGED ON THE BASIS OF CONFRONTATION.

THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE DECLARATION AND THE SPECIAL PROGRAM TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CANNOT LEND ITS SUPPORT. I WILL DEAL HERE ONLY WITH OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESERVATIONS.

PERHAPS THE MOST DIFFICULT SUBJECT WHICH THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ADDRESSES IS THAT OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1962, WHEN, IN A MEETING OF MINDS OF DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT WAS ACHIEVED ON THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 1803 (XVII). THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REGRETS THAT THE COMPROMISE SOLUTION WHICH RESOLUTION 1803 (XVII) EMBODIES WAS NOT REPRODUCED IN THIS DECLARATION. IF IT WERE, ON THIS COUNT THE UNITED STATES WOULD GLADLY LEND ITS SUPPORT. RESOLUTION 1803 (XVII) PROVIDES AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT, WHERE FOREIGN PROPERTY IS NATIONALIZED, APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW; IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS BY, AND BETWEEN, STATES SHALL BE OBSERVED IN GOOD FAITH. BY WAY OF CONTRAST, THE PRESENT DECLARATION DOES NOT COUPLE THE ASSERTION OF THE RIGHT TO NATIONALIZE WITH THE DUTY TO PAY COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. FOR THIS REASON, WE DO NOT FIND THIS FORMULATION COMPLETE OR ACCEPTABLE. THE GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL LAW CANNOT AND IS NOT PREJUDICED BY THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SUPPORT THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION WHICH REFER ONLY TO THE EXERTION OF ECONOMIC PRESSURE FOR SOME ENDS, BUT WHICH DO NOT CONDEMN GENERALLY THE EXERCISE OF ECONOMIC PRESSURE. IN THIS RESPECT, THE DECLARATION CONTRASTS UNFAVORABLY WITH THAT OF THIS ASSEMBLY ON PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION AMONG STATES. NOR DOES THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION THAT REFER TO RESTITUTION AND FULL COMPENSATION FOR EXPLOITATION OF AND DAMAGE TO CERTAIN RESOURCES AND PEOPLES.

NEITHER CAN THE UNITED STATES ACCEPT THE IDEA OF PRODUCER

ASSOCIATIONS AS A VIABLE MEANS OF PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT, NOR OF
FIXING A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICES.
ARTIFICIAL ATTEMPTS TO MANAGE MARKETS WHICH IGNORE ECONOMIC
REALITIES AND THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS AS WELL
AS PRODUCERS RUN THE RISK OF POLITICAL CONFRONTATION ON THE
ONE HAND AND ECONOMIC FAILURE ON THE OTHER.

I ALSO WISH TO MAKE MENTION OF THAT PART OF THE DECLARATION
DEALING WITH THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE ACTIVITIES
OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE UNITED STATES IS OF THE
VIEW THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS MUST ACT AS GOOD CORPORATE
CITIZENS OF THE STATES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE, AND THAT MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION
OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE, BUT SUCH REGULATION
AND SUPERVISION MUST BE NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND OTHERWISE CONFORM
TO THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE PROGRAM OF ACTION HAS TOO MANY OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES,
FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, TO PERMIT A DETAILED LISTING AND
EXPLANATION IN A BRIEF STATEMENT. AMONG THESE FEATURES ARE
THE EMPHASIS ON MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS
WHICH EXCLUDE THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS, AND THE IMPRACTICAL
PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH ARTIFICIAL AND FIXED PRICE RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN PRICES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
OUR SKEPTICISM ABOUT COMMODITY AGREEMENTS IS WELL KNOWN, BUT
WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEM ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THE
CURRENT GATT NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS WE SUPPORT CAN
INCREASE THE TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT IT IS OUT OF THE
QUESTION FOR US TO ALLOCATE A SPECIFIED SHARE OF OUR MARKET
FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE OBJECT TO THE ASSEMBLY'S
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